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SUBJECT: RETINITIS PIGMENTOSA: ADDITIONAL TREATMENT IN USSR FOR
LIVINGSTON CHILDREN (SENATOR KENNEDY INTEREST)

REF: (A) STATE 287217, (B) MOSCOW 17784

1. SCIOFF CALLED DR. MALYSHEV AT USSR MINISTRY OF HEALTH TODAY
(NOVEMBER 24) AS REQUESTED BY REF A TO INQUIRE ABOUT EMBASSY'S
NOVEMBER 10 REQUEST THAT ADDITIONAL TREATMENT OF LIVINGSTON CHILDREN
BE ADVANCED FROM APRIL 1977, AS PROPOSED BY SOVIETS, TO AN EARLIER
DATE. (REF B). MALYSHEV LATER CALLED TO INFORM SCIENCE OFFICE
THAT THE HELMHOLTZ INSTITUTE HAD AGREED TO MOVE UP THE DATE OF
THE LIVINGSTON CHILDREN'S TREATMENT. NEARLY SIMULTANEOUSLY,
EMBASSY RECEIVED THROUGH MFA FORMAL NOTIFICATION OF THIS DECISION.

2. THE USSR MINISTRY OF HEALTH HAS AGREED TO ACCEPT THE LIVINGSTON
CHILDREN FOR CONSULTATIONS AND WHATEVER ADDITIONAL TREATMENT IS
REQUIRED DURING THE SECOND HALF OF JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY OF 1977.
THE MINISTRY INDICATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO CHARGE FOR THIS TREAT-
MENT BUT THAT IT COULD NOT PROVIDE TRAVEL TO AND FROM THE
SOVIET UNION, HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS, INTERPRETERS, AND THE LIKE.
FINALLY, THE MINISTRY REQUESTED THAT THE LIVINGSTONS APPLY TO THE
MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF THE USSR, UPON THEIR ARRIVAL IN THE USSR,
TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY TREATMENT PERMIT. THEY SHOULD APPLY AT
THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: RAKHMANOVSKIY ALLEY 3, ROOM 528, MINISTRY
OF HEALTH, MOSCOW. THE TELEPHONE IS 225-26-78.

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3. ACTION. REQUEST EUR/SOV/EXCHANGES PROVIDE ABOVE INFORMATION

TO SENATOR KENNEDY FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE LIVINGSTONS. EMBASSY
WILL POUCH FORMAL NOTIFICATION FROM MFA TO EUR/SOV/EXCHANGES.
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